

Chikaming Township Planning Commission

January 5, 2022

Minutes – Approved on February 9, 2022

The meeting was called to order with the pledge of allegiance at 6:33 pm by chairman John Chipman, with members Cam Mammina, Jerry Kohn and Bill Marske present. Member Andy Brown arrived at the meeting at 6:45 pm. Township zoning administrator Kelly Largent and township attorney Charles Hilmer were also present. Members Grace Rappe and Doug Dow were absent

Public Hearing – SLU 208-Sawyer Section House. 5896 Sawyer Road, Sawyer, MI, Property Code No. 11-07-0011-0049-01 & 11-07-0011-0049-03-7, Special Land Use permit would allow a new event center to be located in the former Sawyer Hardware and Lumber building per section 6 and section 17 of the Chikaming Township Zoning Ordinance #144 as amended. Rob Andrews of Merritt Midwest representing the developers discussed the changes that have been made to the site plans to address concerns that were mentioned at the December meeting. Proposed spot elevations have been added to the grading plan, the existing overhead power lines will remain the same, an existing pine tree, existing trees and vegetation have also been added to the site plan, 10 additional landscape trees have been added and a floor plan for the building. The driveway and the parking lot will be paved. There were no comments from the public.

The Agenda was reviewed, and Jerry Kohn moved to approve the agenda as presented, supported by Cam Mammina. Motion Carried.

Minutes of the December 1, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Cam Mammina moved to approve the minutes with no changes, supported by Jerry Kohn. Motion Carried.

Unfinished Business:

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the Township Board for approval of SLU 208, supported by Jerry Kohn. Motion Carried, 4 yes votes with Bill Marske abstaining.

New Business: No New Business

Chikaming Initiative:

Chairman John Chipman discussed that the work on the Harbert Red Arrow Road project is continuing with the planning for the streetscape will be completed soon by the Antero Group and the planning work has started for the Sawyer Road improvements project which will begin later in 2022. The Antero Group is currently working on a proposal for work to plan and design streetscape, that will be similar to what has been done in Union Pier and is in process in Harbert.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment

With no further business before the Commission Cam Mammina moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM, supported by Jerry Kohn. Motion carried.

Respectively Submitted

Bill Marske, Secretary, Chikaming Township Planning Commission